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Monday, the 23rd Karkatakam, 1102|8th August, 1927.

The Council assembled at Eleven Thirty of the Clock in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, M. E. Watts Esquire, Dewan, presiding. All the members except Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Entertainment of Mahomedans in the Education Department.

95. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that owing to the backward condition of the Mahomedans in education, some of the Mahomedan pupils going in for University education are above twenty-five years of age?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to exempting qualified Mahomedans applying for posts, from age restriction?

(3) Is it a fact that the present Director of Public Instruction refuses to appoint Mahomedans in his department when they are above twenty-five years of age, though they are otherwise fully qualified?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) University education begins in the Junior Intermediate Class. The Government are not aware that any Mahomedan was above 25 years of age when he joined that class.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (1). The Government are not, however, prepared to pass a general order exempting Mahomedans from the rule regarding age on first appointment to Government service. Individual cases will be considered on their merits.

(3) Yes. The Director of Public Instruction has no option in the matter.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Is the Director prevented by any rule from exempting particular individuals from age restriction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he is not absolutely prevented.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Has the Director of Public Instruction appointed any one who is above 25 years of age?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now.

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MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Has the Director of Public Instruction recommended any one for exemption from age restriction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information now.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Was it ever brought to the notice of the Government that the present Director of Public Instruction refused to entertain Mahomedans on the sole ground that they were above 25 years of age?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Hospitals for Lepers and Lunatics.

96. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) What is the daily average number of lepers in the Hospital for Lepers who were actually bed-ridden this year (1102) and the daily average number employed in gardening and other occupations?

(*b*) Are there any lady non-official visitors for the Hospitals for Mental Diseases and for Lepers?

(*c*) What is the daily average number of women treated in each of these institutions?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Daily average number of lepers who were actually bed-ridden is 10.

No information is available regarding the number employed in gardening, etc.

(*b*) No.

(*c*)

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*), will the Government kindly consider the advisability of appointing a lady non-official visitor to the Leper Hospital and the Hospital for Mental Diseases?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

The Fort Hospital.

97. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the daily average number of in-patients and out-patients treated in the Fort Hospital, Trivandrum, from the 1st Chingam to the 1st Mithunam 1102;

(*b*) the number of beds available for in-patients;

(*c*) the number of compounders posted for dispensing medicines;

(*d*) the nature of waiting accommodation provided for out-patients;

(*e*) whether separate waiting accommodation is provided for men and women; and

(*f*) whether separate rooms for dressing men and women patients are available?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Out-patients, 389; in-patients, 7.

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